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25X1 1. [ ] On 1 February 1954, the Schuetzen Kaserne, Eberswalde, was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia, and blue-bordered black epaulets. A column of about 25 sidecar motorcycles, 2 armored personnel carriers and 3 trucks towing 76.2-mm field guns entered the installation. 25X1

25X1 2. On 1 February, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 troops. Truck [ ] towing an AA gun, and a column of 5 van-like trucks and 1 truck occupied by troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets, [ ] were seen leaving the installation. 25X1

25X1 Several columns of company strength and involving troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including a few with artillery and tank insignia were seen entering the installation. 25X1

25X1 3. On 7 February, the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied by about 4,300 troops. On 18 January, about 200-to 230 recruits received training at the drill ground and 50 to 75 troops were, as previously, observed at maintenance work in the ordnance shop and the motor vehicle sheds. Motor vehicle columns leaving the installation toward Pinow included: a column of 1 sedan, 4 motorcycles, 6 armored scout cars [ ] 1 truck and tank trucks [ ] at about 8:45 p.m. on 20 January; truck [ ] towing a 37-mm AA gun at 9 a.m. on 22 January; and 1 radio truck and 12 command cars, [ ] at about 1:15 p.m. on 28 January. At about 9:15 a.m. on 2 February, a column of 12 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns and [ ] 10 trucks mounting AA machine guns and [ ] ambulance [ ] field kit- 25X1

25X1 25X1 [ ] chen [ ] and sedan [ ] entered the east section of the installation. The column was followed by 25 trucks occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 1 radio truck, all with covered numbers. At 7:55 a.m. on 5 February, the two columns left the installation toward Angermuende. At about 1:45 p.m. on 4 February, about 200 recruits

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received basic training at the drill ground and other troops were seen at maintenance work in the ordnance shop and the vehicle sheds. Four radio trucks with covered numbers were seen near the ordnance shop as previously. About 50 troops with rifles entered the installation, coming from the firing range east of Tramper Chaussee. At about 3:45 p.m., about 180 troops received basic drill at the drill ground. A column of 6 trucks occupied by each 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, [redacted]

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4. On 7 February, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 4,000 troops.

On 20 January, 5 trucks with ammunition [redacted] entered the west section of the installation from the direction of Pinow. On 25 January, 1 half-track vehicle and 2 armored personnel carriers entered the installation from the direction of the town. On 26 January, 1 JSU-249 gun and 1 sedan were detained at the Uberswalde railroad station and subsequently left for the installation.

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[redacted] did not observe the unloading of 4 canvas-covered guns observed on 4 flatcars with sideracks at the ramp. The guns were no longer observed on 27 January. On 28 January, trucks [redacted] each occupied by 25 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered the installation from the direction of Trampe, while recruits received training at the drill ground. On 4 February, [redacted] unusually many tank tracks from the rear of the installation toward Trampe. Dirt roads and forest lanes were heavily rutted. All was quiet in the installation. [redacted] the belief that elements of the troops were absent for exercise.

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5. On 7 February, the cantonment on Kreitschmidtstrasse was occupied to capacity by about 500 troops. Sentrys observed wore blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. [redacted] 27 trucks in the yard of the installation.

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6. Trucks [redacted] were seen entering and leaving the blitz cantonment, which was occupied to capacity by about 800 to 900 troops.

7. [redacted] between 1 and 4 February, troops had been quartered in wood camps on either side of Tramper Chaussee, leaving the camps during the night on 3 February. AT gun emplacements were seen in the woods west of the highway south of the Leuenberg meadows, about 200 meters from the edge of the woods, while 132-mm rocket launchers were observed in the area of the camp. Heavy mortars, guns, presumably AT and AA guns, and armored personnel carriers were seen east of the highway south of the firing range. Woodcutters from Trampe stated that, during the night on 3 February and prior to 8 a.m. on 4 February, columns kept passing through Trampe, coming from the direction of Uberswalde and proceeding toward Liefensee. The columns allegedly included about 50 tanks, 30 about 120-mm mortars, 20 AT guns, 30 x 132-mm rocket launchers and about 100 trucks, including some occupied by troops.

[redacted] Comment. Beginning on 1 February, units of the 6th Gds Mez Div probably conducted exercises in the area south of Eberswalde, with troops bivouacking on either side of Tramper Chaussee between 1 and 4 February. The exercises presumably involved the bulk of the units of the 6th Gds Mez Div quartered in the Artillerie Kaserne and elements of headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mez Army from the Schutzen Lascrue, probably the 63d AA Div (US) and the 312th Gds Bl Regt. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] belong to the Hq Third Gds Mez Army, are believed to have been confused. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the other installations mentioned. See [redacted]

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